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1. COMPARISON OF 1975/76 AND 1976/77 BUDGETS FOR HEALTH,
AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS, IN THOUSAND LEONES

75/6 76/7

HEALTH	BUDGET A	BUDGET B	TOTAL	PERCENT CHANGE
MIN OF HEALTH	7,359	7,684	1,234	8,919 21

AG.

TOTAL	4,678	3,573	780	4,354 (7)
MINISTRY	500	489	72	562 ,512
AG. DIV.	3,172	2,086	489	2,585 (18)
FORESTRY	385	342	71	413 7
RUBBER DIV	89	74	17	91 2
VET. DIV	341	383	91	475 39
FISHERIES	187	197	29	226 20

ED. & RURAL D.

TOTAL	17,266	17,245	5,252	22,497 30
MINISTRY	2,991	2,886	883	3,769 26
PRIMARY	4,606	5,081	1,641	6,722 45
SECONDARY	4,694	4,838	1,343	6,182 31
TEACHER ED	19	23	1	25 29

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TEACHING AIDS	46	59	7	66	44
SUBSIDIES	4,528	3,936	1,312	5,248	15
PLANNING UNIT	46	4	50	-	
RURAL DEV.DIV.	886	822	184	1,007	13
TOTAL GOSL					
BUDGET	110,400	110,496	45,535	156,530	41

2. THE COMBINED TOTAL OF BUDGETS A PLUS B IS THE BEST INDICATION OF GOSL INTENTIONS SINCE THIS REICSENTS APPROVED BUDGET ALLOCATIONS IF ADDITIONAL REVENUE BECOMES AVAILABLE. BUDGET A IS A "BARE-BONES" BUDGET. BUDGET B REPRESENTA APPROVED ALLOCATIONS IF ADDITIONAL REVENUES ARE FOUND. WHEN THE SUM OF BUDGETS A AND B IS TAKEN AS ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURE, THE HEALTH AREA SHOWS AN OVERALL PROJECTED INCREASE OF 21 PSRCENT (LE 1,560,000). THE AGRICULTURAL MINISTER SHOWS AN OVERALL DECREASE OF 7 PERCENT (LE 324,000) WITH ALL OF THE DECREASE BEING BORNE BY THE AGRICULTURE DIVISION.

3. IN FACT, THE AG. DIVISION HAS A PROJECTED DECREASE OF LE 587,562, BUT THIS IS OFFSET BY INCREASES IN OTHER DIVISIONS. WITHIN THE AG. DIV., PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS SHOW AN 11 PERCENT DECREASE, OTHER CHANGES SHOW A 41 PERCENT DECREASE. THE LARGEST SINGLE ITEM TO DECREASE UNDER OTHER CHANGES IS "AGRICULTURAL INPUTS FOR RESALE" WHICH DECREASED LE 700,000. THIS PRESUMABLY REPRESENTS A PHASING OUT OF THE FERTILIZER SUBSIDY. THE IMPORTANT EXPORT GENERATING DIVISIONS OF FORESTRY RUBBER AND FISHERIES ALL SHOW INCREASES, AS DOES THE VETERINARY DIVISION WHICH IS IMPORTANT FOR IMPORT SUBSTITUTION.

4. FOR 1976/77 AN INCREASE OF 30 PERCENT (LE 5,231,000) IS PROJECTED FOR THE EDUCATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTRIES, WITH INCREASES IN ALL DIVISIONS. THE TOTAL, A PLUS B, 1976/77 BUDGET OF LE 156.5 MILLION IS AN INCREASE OF 41 PERCENT (LE 46 MILLION) OVER 1975/76 ALL OF WHICH IS REFLECTED IN BUDGET G. NORTH

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